

  
**Farm Service Agency**

## NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**

**DATE: August 2, 2005**

**2003-2004 Crop Disaster Assistance Program (CDP)  
and the  
2005 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)**

**Application Deadline is September 09, 2005**

**Honolulu, Hawaii, 2005** - Sign-up deadlines for the 2003-2004 Crop Disaster Program and the 2003-2004 Livestock Assistance Program were recently announced by the Farm Service Agency.

**2003-2004 Crop Disaster Program** - Producers who are eligible to apply for benefits to help offset weather-related losses to 2003 or 2004 crops have until September 09, 2005 to submit completed CCC-750s along with all supporting documentation and required forms.

**2005 Livestock Assistance Program** - Eligible producers have until September 09, 2005 to submit applications for either 2003 or 2004 LAP. The sign-up deadline applies to the receipt of a signed and dated CCC-740 in the county office with all supporting documentation and required forms.

To apply please contact your local Farm Service Agency County Office listed below:

**Honolulu County FSA Office**

Phone: (808) 483-8600

Fax: (808) 483-8615

**Hawaii County FSA Office**

Phone: (808) 933-8381

Fax: (808) 933-8345

**Kauai County FSA Office**

Phone: (808) 245-9014

Fax: (808) 246-4639

**Maui County FSA Office**

Phone: (808) 244-3100

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For more information on these issues, visit USDA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>

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**Farm Service Agency****NEWS RELEASE****For Immediate Release****DATE: August 2, 2005****Crop Year 2006 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**

USDA, Farm Service Agency announces the sign up period for the Crop Year 2006 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). NAP is a crop disaster assistance program administered by the USDA, Farm Service Agency. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of eligible crops and commodities affected by natural disasters. Eligible crops are commercial crops, or other agricultural commodities that are grown for food or fiber, and for which catastrophic (CAT) level of crop insurance is not available. Specifically included are fruits, vegetables, floriculture, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turfgrass sod, seed crops, aquaculture, forage, pasture, and industrial crops.

Producers must apply for coverage and pay a service fee, along with filing an acreage and production report with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office prior to crop reporting dates. If acreage and yields are not reported on time, producers may not be eligible for NAP assistance.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of noninsurable crops using Form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage," and pay the applicable service fees at their local FSA office. The service fee is equal to \$100 per crop per county, or \$300 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$900 per producer for all counties.

The application deadline to purchase coverage is **September 01, 2005**. For further information please call or visit your nearest local FSA office listed below:

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### **2005 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

#### **Honolulu, Hawaii, August 02,, 2005 – Nomination Period Extended to August 15, 2005**

The nomination period for the county committee election has been extended to Aug. 15. The goal in extending the deadline is to have as many eligible candidates nominated to serve on Farm Service Agency county committees as possible, especially minorities and women. The extra time will give agency personnel, community-based groups, farmer organizations and others more time to continue their outreach efforts.

Committees apply their judgment and knowledge to make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by community-based and other organizations in the county where the election is being held before the close of the nomination period, especially groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, nation origin, age, sex, marital status or disability. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at the county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

Producers should keep in mind several important dates regarding the upcoming county committee elections. Producers can request, fill out and submit nomination forms up to Aug. 15, 2005. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4, 2005. The deadline to return ballots is Dec. 5, 2005. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2006.

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